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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

DEAR JOE:

AS THE HOLIDAYS AND THE NEW YEAR AGAIN APPROACH, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OCCASION TO EXTEND SEASONS GREETINGS TO YOU, JAN, AND ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORK AND THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN US DURING THE PAST CRITICAL YEAR.

2. ASIDE FROM YOUR FINE EFFORTS ON COMPLEX NAVAL PROBLEMS, I AM ALSO VERY GRATIFIED TO HAVE YOU IN MANAMA AT THE HELM OF A SMALL BUT FULL-FLEDGED EMBASSY PERFORMING THE MANIFOLD TRADITIONAL TASKS OF A DIPLOMATIC MISSION. THE EXPANSION OF OUR OFFICIAL PRESENCE INTO THE LOWER GULF WAS OVERDUE, BUT I THINK WE ARE NOW MOVING IN A MANNER SUITED TO CARE FOR OUR INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN THIS STRATEGIC AREA.

3. AS OUR RELATIONS WITH BAHRAIN CONTINUE TO EXPAND AND DIVERSIFY, AND AS WE PURSUE THE PATH WE HAVE SET FOR
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OURSELVES TO ACHIEVE FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, I

AM SURE TO HAVE NUMEROUS OCCASIONS TO CONTINUE DRAWING

UPON THE TALENT, ENERGY, AND PROFESSIONALISM WHICH YOU
HAVE DEMONSTRATED SINCE YOUR ARRIVAL IN MANAMA.

4. BETTY JOINS ME IN WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. SINCERELY, ALFRED L.
ATHERTON, JR. KISSINGER

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